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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

I am writing to urge support for this bill. Naturopath's knowledge and level of education warrant the right to prescribe certain medications and administer IV's and injections. My personal experience with naturopathic medicine has shown me their knowledge of the human body and the success I have had with their treatment has far surpassed much of the care received by traditional medical doctor's. My dermatologist's understanding of my acne was limited and she prescribed medications with very little restraint. Naturopath's seek to limit medication use and therefore I believe they would prescribe

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely, Michelle Becz